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SUBJ: UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KHANE'S CALL AT USUN

1. ON JUNE 24 UNIDO EXEC DIR KHANE CALLED ON AMB BENNETT. CONVERSATION WAS FOR THE MOST PART GENERAL BUT TOUCHED ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. KHANE STATED THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO SYG AND SYG HAD INDICATED CONCURRENCE THAT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH CONVERSION OF UNIDO TO SPECIALIZED AGENCY COULD BE DELAYED TO SPRING OF 1976. HE ANTICIPATES ECOSOC WILL HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION IN JULY AND THAT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WILL SET UP AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DRAFT STATUTES. HE RELATED THIS TO CONCERN EXPRESSED IN DEPT TO SPEED WITH WHICH CONVERSION TO SPECIALIZED AGENCY BEING SCHEDULE. AMB BENNETT MADE POINT THAT WHILE WE DO NOT WISH A LONG TRANSITION PERIOD, WE BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENTS NEED TIME TO ADEQUATELY REVIEW THE PROPOSED STATUTES.

B. KHANE STATED THAT HE WAS WILLING AND HAPPY TO ASSIGN US PERSONNEL TO RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN UNIDO. HOWEVER HE EMPHASIZED PROBLEM OF ACCOMMODATING ALL REGIONAL GROUPS AND NEED THAT PERSONNEL NOMINATED BE "MORE THAN COMPETENT". HE NOTED THAT IF ACABQ APPROVES HIS REQUEST FOR 3 ASYG-LEVEL POSITIONS, HE WILL

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HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REGARD. HE EMPHASIZED

HIS CONCERN TO IMPROVE UNIDO EFFICIENCY AND NOTED HIS
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARD FUNCTIONAL FLEXIBILITY
WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. BENNETT STRESSED NEED FOR UNIDO
TO UPGRADE ITS EFFICIENCY IF IT WERE TO HAVE
UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM DC'S SUCH AS U.S.

C. KHANE STATED THAT HE STRONGLY HOPED TO INCREASE
INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN UNIDO
ACTIVITIES IN PART TO GAIN FURTHER SUPPORT FROM DCS
FOR HIS ACTIVITIES.
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